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# Swedish Spy: Easy to Get U.S. Secrets

STOCKHOLM, May 26 (AP) .- Col. Stig Wenner-police investigation and inter-the only top spy in the Swedstrom has testified that, as a spy for the Russians, he rogation released triday covered ish defense system. He said had no difficulty in collecting information about U.S. The rest is marked secret and worked as an egent for the defense industries.

"It was easy to get information if you indicated you were tries. It was easy to make coninterested in buying," the 57- tact with the top executives." year-old airman-diplomat declared in secret proceedings in Washington from 1952 to made public in part today.

"This was no problem for me Force bought a great deal of to Moscow. Caterial from the United

He was Sweden's air attache 1957.

Wennerstrom said informa-I made purchases for the tion on Polaris submarines was Swedish Air Force. . The Air among material he turned over

Wennerstrom has admitted States and I visited many counthe United States and the North spying against his homeland. Atlantic Treaty Organization for 14 years. Tried only for relaying Sweden's defense secrets to the Russians, he is to hear the verdict June 12.

#### RECORD RELEASED

.In an open court session May 15 he said he acted from "idealistic motives." The prosecution demanded that he be sentenced to life imprisonment. His defense counsel sugegsted 12 years in prison.

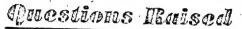
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900 of a total of 3,700 pages, another colonel, now dead, probably will never be pub- United States. The name of the colonel was

Wennerstrom said he was not not made public

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By George Embree

Several important questions have risen out of the espionage tions. trial of Swedish Air Force Col. Stig Wennerstroem

In addition to the question of how seriously Western and Swedish defenses have been

impaired, officials are wonder- made to smooth over an em-Special to The Christian Science Monitor ing what effect the trial will barrassing situation, have on Soviet Premier Nikita Observers point S. Khrushchev's June visit and next fall's parliamentary elec-

Colonel Wennerstroem has stated that he spied not only against Sweden but also against the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He has stressed ganization. He has stressed that "Sweden was no primary target," and that his espionage was mainly directed against the Western Alliance.

### Motivations Described

He has asserted that his motivations were "idealistic, aimed signs of being concerned at preserving the peace and about the effects of the Wenat preserving the peace and power balance of the world."

The court case involves only Colonel Wennerstroem's reported espionage against Sweden over a 14-year period. The prosecution has charged that the Air Force officer turned over 160 top defense secrets of Sweden to the Soviet Government.

He said that Colonel Wennerstroem started his spy career for the Germans in World War II, then switched to the Soviets after Stalingrad. The prosecutor said vanity, hunger for prestige, and money were the motives.

# . Emotions Cool

nage case will force the cancellation of Mr. Khrushchev's interestingly, Skanska Dagwisit. The violent emotions which forced cancellation of his voice of the Central Party, 1959 Scandinavian trip only a

Sweden late last March to pave the way for Mr. Khrushchev's Thursday Sweden's Parliavisit, the Wennerstroem affair mentary Constitutional Commas well known to politicians mittee recommended the cenor all parties. Yet Mr. Gromyko suring of former Foreign Minreceived an extremely cordial ister Oesten Unden for his part reception, and every effort was in the Wennerstroem affair.

out that Premier Tage Erlander's government has very adroitly scheduled Mr. Khrushchev's visit for the middle of the summer vacation period when politics is the last thing Swedes have on their minds: Had it been a few weeks later when the country was coming back to life and in a fighting mood for the fall election, the Socialist leader might have felt more of the opposition's sting.

# Effect on Elections

Mr. Erlander has shown no nerstroem scandal in the fall elections. In fact, he used the recent May Day celebrations to tell the opposition parties—the Conservatives, the Liberals, and the Central Party—that if they wanted a knock-down, drag-out fight over it he was prepared for them. He told his audience that the operation apparently intended position apparently intended to use the disloyalty of one man to tar an entire governinent.

The Conscrvative press immediately replied that the op-position parties were doing nothing more than their duty in a democracy by criticizing a government which had obvi-There have thus far been ously fallen down somewhere no indications that the espio- in protecting itself and the

1959 Scandinavian trip only a took a much more restrained few days before he was to arposition, indicating that remited have considerably cooled with the general thawing of East-West relations.

When Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko visited Sweden late last March to page 1881.